

Matrix Norms (Recht, Fazel + Parrilo) p. 477

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SYM.

Given matrix norm $\|\cdot\|$ on $\mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, the dual norm $\|\cdot\|_d$ is defined as

$$\|X\|_d = \sup \{ \langle X, Y \rangle : Y \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \|Y\| \leq 1 \}$$

$(\langle X, Y \rangle = \text{tr } X^T Y)$

For vector p-norms: the dual of l_p norm is l_q norm, with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ (Holder's inequality) and dual of l_1 norm is l_∞ norm.

Consider $\|X\| = \|X\|_F = \langle X, X \rangle^{1/2} = (\text{tr } X^T X)^{1/2}$

Then $\|X\|_d = \|X\|_F$ (just as dual of l_2 is l_2).

How about the dual of $\|X\|_2$? (operator norm, spectral norm)
 $= \max \sigma_i(X)$

Then the dual of $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the NUCLEAR NORM is (Schatten 1-norm)
 $\|X\|_* = \sum_{i=1} \sigma_i(X)$ ("trace" norm)

To prove this we'll characterize $\|X\|_2$ and $\|X\|_*$ by SDPs.

Characterization of $\|Z\|_2$:

$$\|Z\|_2 \leq t \Leftrightarrow t^2 I_m - Z Z^T \succeq 0 \Leftrightarrow t I_m - Z^T Z \succeq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} t I_m & Z \\ Z^T & t I_m \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} t I_m & Z^T \\ Z & t I_m \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

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or use Schur complement (see BV p. 650):

$$\text{Let } M = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B^T & C \end{bmatrix}$$

If $A > 0$, then Schur complement $S = C - B^T A^{-1} B$

$\succeq 0$ iff $M \succeq 0$.

(Block Gauss elimination)

subtract $B^T A^{-1} * 1^{st}$ row

from 2nd row:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & -B^T A^{-1} B + C \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence

$$\|Z\|_2 = \inf \left\{ t : \begin{bmatrix} tI & Z \\ Z^T & tI \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0 \right\}$$

on SDP.

Characterization of $\|X\|_*$.

$$\text{Let } X = U \Sigma V^T$$

$$\begin{matrix} m \\ \left[\right] \\ n \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \left[\right] \\ \left[\right] \\ \left[\right] \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} n \\ r \\ r \end{matrix}$$

$$U \quad m \times r \quad U^T U = I$$

$$V \quad m \times r \quad V^T V = I$$

$$\Sigma \quad r \times r \text{ diagonal.}$$

$$r = \text{rank}(X).$$

Then by def'n, $\|X\|_* = \text{tr } \Sigma$.

$$\text{Let } Y = UV^T. \text{ Note } \|UV^T\|_2 = \max_{\|q\|_2=1} \|UV^T q\| = 1$$

(the SVD of UV^T is UIV^T).

So

$$\|X\|_{2,d} = \sup \{ \langle X, Y \rangle : \|Y\| \leq 1 \}$$

$$\geq \text{tr } X^T UV^T = \text{tr } V \Sigma U^T UV^T$$

$$= \text{tr } \Sigma V^T V$$

$$= \text{tr } \Sigma = \|X\|_*.$$

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This has the feasible point

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} U \Sigma U^T & U \Sigma V^T \\ V \Sigma U^T & V \Sigma V^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U \\ V \end{bmatrix} \Sigma \begin{bmatrix} U^T & V^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma \succeq 0$$

since $W_3 = U \Sigma V^T \equiv X \equiv B$.

Also the corresponding primal objective value is

$$\frac{1}{2} (\text{tr } W_1 + \text{tr } W_2) = \text{tr } \Sigma = \|X\|_*$$

Now any feasible point for (P) is an upper bound for the optimal solution of (D), so

$$\|X\|_{2,d} \leq \|X\|_*$$

Combining this with $\|X\|_{2,d} \geq \|X\|_*$,

we have $\|X\|_{2,d} = \|X\|_*$

Hence by SDP duality (as (P), (D) both have strictly feasible points),

$\|X\|_*$ \equiv solution of the SDP

$$\min_{W_1 \in S^m} \frac{1}{2} (\text{tr } W_1 + \text{tr } W_2)$$

$$W_2 \in S^m \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} W_1 & X \\ X^T & W_2 \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

